



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Two important workshops coming soon: Preventing Clergy Misconduct, Friday, [February 17th](#), and Safe Sanctuary Training, Saturday, [February 18](#). Both will be hosted by Zion Mennonite Church. Follow the date links for details and registration information.

[The Leader](#), a quarterly periodical that seeks to inspire and empower lay leaders and pastors in helping congregations fulfill the vision of the Mennonite Church, features material created by PNMC members in their [2011 Advent Worship Resources](#). The writing team included Meghan Good, Rose Marie Barber, Leo Hartshorn, Brent Kauffman, Linda Nafziger-Meiser, and Matthew Shedden. A liturgical dance, recorded by Jody Lee and performed by Beth Landis, Gary Nafziger-Meiser, Pam Piper-Ruth and Nancylee Summervill is also available and can be viewed [here](#). Chad Summervill's featured rendition of "Joy to the World" can be downloaded at www.chadsummervill.com.

A [link](#) with information about the Racial Healing Task Group has been added to the PNMC website's Resources page.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Western Mennonite Church

Joanie Troyer is extending an invitation for PNMC women to consider participating in an **inductive Bible study** she will begin teaching in January. The study, written by Kay Arthur of [Precept Ministries](#), is based on the foundational book of Romans. Anyone interested is invited to gather for tea at the Troyer home, January 5th, at 7:00pm. If interested, contact [Joanie](#) by Dec.15th. (503-371-3860)

Portland Mennonite Churches

All are welcome for the **January 20-21, 2012 - [Member Care: Equipping Members for Caring Ministry](#)** coming to Portland Mennonite Church with speakers Carolyn Holderread Heggen and Rhoda Shenk Keener. Member Care validates all people's gifts of caring and equips them to respond more effectively and confidently to the needs of others in their lives and in the congregation. Member Care explores: Claiming Our Identity as God's Beloved, Caring for Self and Others, Compassionate Listening, as well as Transforming Loss and Grief. Carolyn and Rhoda bring years of experience in the mental health field and in caring for others in the church. For details, contact [Rachel Ringenberg Miller](#) / 503.234.0559. For [registration](#), contact [Allison Miller](#).

Member Care is a pilot project of Mennonite Women USA for both men and women. The seminar is hosted by Portland, Salem, and Zion Mennonite Churches and sponsored by Congregational Life Core Ministry Team



Albany and Calvary Mennonite Churches

[Worship and Culture after Christendom](#): *Mark your calendar!* The next installment of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Peace Theology workshops will be held March 16-18, 2012. The Friday and Saturday workshops will be hosted by Albany Mennonite Church with the Sunday afternoon gathering at Calvary Mennonite Church. **Alan and Eleanor Kreider**, professors at AMBS and longtime missionaries in post-Christendom England, will be presenting on topics related to their recent book, *Worship and Mission after Christendom*. Registration information TBA. Questions? Contact [Larry Eby](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

A **gathering for new pastors** is scheduled as part of Pastors Week at AMBS. Pastors in their first years of ministry face many questions: *Is this church and community a good fit for me? How do I best minister in this context? How do I navigate the unspoken and spoken expectations? Is pastoral ministry truly my calling?* In this clinic pastors in their first three to four years of ministry can talk with each other and with leaders from Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA about these and other experiences common to new pastors. Click [here](#) for registration details.

Mennonite Central Committee

Michael and Lisa Bade, of Seattle Mennonite Church, are serving in Cambodia with MCC. Their community was recently devastated by heavy rains and flooding. Michael reports this week that recently they had the privilege of giving over 800 needy families a month's worth of rice to eat. He happily shared, "Yesterday we distributed health kits to a school, hit hard by the flooding. We facilitated training for teachers and students on hygiene. It was so good to be part of!" You can read more about Michael and Lisa's MCC assignment in the latest [Evangel](#).

On November 30th, MCC commissioned 27 new workers for service in Canada, the U.S., and overseas. Included is David Ghan of Anchorage, Alaska. He began a three-year assignment in Menouf, Egypt, as an English as a Foreign Language facilitator.

MCC welcomes inquiries for the following urgent senior line management **service opportunities**: Area Directors for South America/Mexico; Europe and Middle East; Central/Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia. For information on these and other urgent service positions, please visit mcc.org/serve/positions/volunteer.

Mennonite Mission Network

The **Door Network** has service opportunities for youth groups to work together in our nation's cities. 2012 summer service opportunities include Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Youth can make a difference as well as make time for reflecting together about what they are experiencing. Check things out at www.DOORNetwork.org.

Mennonite Mission Network also has new flyers and information for **Youth Venture**; a program designed for individuals between 14-22. Through the program, youth can find fun and meaningful opportunities for summer service. 2012 locations include Bolivia, Botswana, France, Honduras, Alaska, California, Florida and Texas! Learn more at serve.mennonitemission.net or contact [Jill Schmidt](#). Please make the flyers available to your congregation: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Mennonite World Conference

Amos Chin, president of the Bible Missionary Church (BMC) in Myanmar, *pictured right with his family*, has requested prayer for refugees from recent floods which killed hundreds of people and destroyed many homes in the Pakokku area. Chin himself was caught in the flood on the last leg of a mission trip. In the midst of heavy rain, the bus he was riding became submerged in a deep pit and 14 of the 27 passengers drowned. Chin and others had to swim for safety. He was rescued by the military after hours of clinging to a tree. For the full story, visit www.mwc-cmm.org.



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 19 (submissions due by 12/12)
Jan 2 (submissions due by 12/26)
Jan 16 (submissions due by 1/9)
Feb. 6 (submissions due by 1/23)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnmc.org. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

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